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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: The Situation Room
SUBJECT: Sunday Cable Summary

Moscow Denies Involvement in Yugoslav Affairs: Moscow has issued its first public denial of complicity in internal Yugoslav affairs since Belgrade's most recent anticominformist campaign began in mid-October. In an authoritative article under the pseudonym I. Alexandrov, Pravda claimed on November 27 that the Western media were seeking to cast aspersions about Yugoslav developments in such a way as to complicate Belgrade's relations with other socialist countries, particularly the USSR. As a precedent for this activity, Alexandrov recalled previous Western reports that Moscow had supported Ustashi separatists. He claimed that this charge was also unfounded and that the Ustashi and other groups seeking to break up Yugoslavia were actually tied to the West, which had also provided them with arms. The article concludes by asserting that Soviet-Yugoslav relations are in fact steadily improving and that the current campaign of slander is doomed to failure.

Soviets Agree to Deliver Crude Oil to Sweden: For the first time, the Soviets have agreed to deliver crude oil to Sweden. The agreement covers up to 500,000 tons of crude to be delivered in 1976. According to the Swedish firm, the Soviet petroleum exporter is to deliver the crude to the refinery at Nynashamn or for processing in the Baltic area.

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Speculation About Government Changes in Madrid: Rumor mills in Madrid expect King Juan Carlos to shuffle the government with the week. The only firm fact is that Prime Minister Arias met with the king for over two hours on Friday afternoon. There was immediate speculation both that he handed in his resignation and that he will be one of three men nominated to preside over Parliament and the Council of the Realm. The expected shuffle will be an early test of Juan Carlos' intentions toward liberalization. Some sources feel the king will pick a conservative to head Parliament in order more easily to select a pro-reform prime minister. Other speculation foresees Arias staying on, but with several key cabinet changes, including new ministers of foreign affairs, interior, army, information, and finance and commerce. Meanwhile, some 250 prisoners covered by last week's amnesty decree have reportedly been released already. The government also has dropped charges against 23 protesters who were arrested during the demonstration Thursday at Carabancel Prison against the decree's allegedly limited coverage. Spanish radio reports Saturday that 500-600 prisoners will be released in Barcelona in a few days, and that a "clarification" of the murky decree will come "at any time."